(b) if so, whether the excessive use of money power to get membership of the Upper House of Parliament is sabotaging the democratic style of elections in the country; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard and what immediate steps would be taken to curb such activities?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) In the context of several newspaper reports highlighting apprehensions about use of money power in biennial elections to Rajya Sabha, the Election Commission has alerted the Finance Ministry to do its best of prevent use of money power in these elections.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Some corrective steps have been suggested which are under examination by the Government.

Compulsory voting

3323. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to make voting compulsory to streamline the system of elections in the coming elections;

(b) what major steps are being taken with regard to the election system; and

(c) by when this would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Construction of fourlane bypass between Kandla and Khari Rehan

3324. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kandla Port Trust (KPT) has agreed to a proposal for construction of fourlane bypass road between Kandla and Khari Rehan (K.K. Road);

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme;

(c) whether it is a fact that the tenders for this project were to be received by N.H.A.I. on 21.12.1999 and tender notice was published in Local Daily Sandesh dated 16.11.1999;